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In the application of:

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2002, for which a response was due on November 2, 2002, and for which a two month extension of time is also requested to extend the time for response from November 2, 2002 to January 2, 2003.

Applicants hereby elect Group VIII for molecule 32374 (claims 9 and 10, drawn to methods of identifying a compound which binds to the polypeptide or which modulates its activity), without traverse. Applicants expressly reserves their right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file a divisional application directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application.

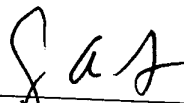
Applicants requests examination of the elected subject matter on the merits.

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Respectfully submitted,

Dated: January 2, 2003

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